

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In this amendment, claims 1-3, 15, and 28 are amended. Claim 31 is canceled, and no claims are added. Thus after entry of this amendment, claims 1-30 and 32-34 will be pending.

Claims Rewritten in Independent Form and Allowable

Applicants note with appreciation the indicated allowability of claim 31, if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claim 28 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 31. Therefore, claim 28 and claims 29-30 and 32-34 depending therefrom, are allowable.

Independent claim 1 has also been amended to include the features of allowable claim 31. Therefore, claim 1 and claims 2-14 depending therefrom, are allowable.

Independent claim 15 has also been amended to include the features of allowable claim 31. Therefore, claim 15 and claims 16-27 depending therefrom, are allowable.

Claim Objections

Claims 2 and 3 were objected to because of informalities. Claims 2 and 3 are amended as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this objection.

Rejections under 35 USC § 112, written description

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement regarding the recitation of a disk device driver contained on a computer-readable medium.

A driver is software that is loaded from a memory device (a computer-readable medium) to a processor for controlling, e.g., a video card. For example, “[t]he operating system loads a standard disk driver to interface with the disk object.” See paragraph 5 of the present

specification. More specifically, a "RAID class driver 417 is loaded if any disks located by a disk bus FDO have a device ID of 'RAIDDisk' or any other RAID-specific device ID." See paragraph 27 of the present specification. One skilled in the art knows that a driver is loaded for access by a processing system, such as CPU 105, from some type of computer-readable medium.

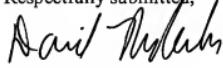
Figure 1 illustrates computer-readable medium from which this software driver may be loaded, such as memory 115. See paragraph 5 of the present specification. The present specification also describes non-volatile storage devices, such as fixed disk drives, removable disk drives, flash memory devices, and CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, or other optical storage devices, which are, for example, of a SCSI 185 or a EIDE 180 type. See paragraph 14 of the present specification. Thus, one skilled in the art would recognize that the present specification describes many computer-readable medium that can contain a disk device driver and from which the disk driver may be loaded. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal if this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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